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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Northbrook Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 6420 Council Street NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402	
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F 0689 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observation, clinical record review, manufacturer's product manuals, resident and staff interviews, the facility failed to ensure staff utilized the correct full body mechanical lift sling size, resulting in 1 of 3 residents utilizing a mechanical lift to slide in the sling, and be lowered to the floor (Resident #3). The facility identified a census of 79 residents. Findings include: Review of Resident #3's Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE] showed a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) Score of 15/15 indicating intact cognition. Resident #3 exhibited upper extremity (shoulder, elbow, wrist, hand) and lower extremity (hip, knee, ankle, foot) functional impairments on both sides of the body and utilized a wheelchair. Resident #3 was not able to do sit to stand (ability to come to a standing position from a sitting in a chair, wheelchair or on the side of the bed) due to medical condition/safety concerns and was dependent upon staff for chair/bed to chair transfers. The MDS listed diagnoses of arthritis, narcolepsy with cataplexy (a chronic neurological disorder characterized by excessive sleepiness and sudden, uncontrolled muscle weakness called cataplexy. Other symptoms include sleep paralysis, hallucinations and disturbed nighttime sleep) and chronic gout. Per the MDS, Resident #3's height was 64 inches (5 foot 3 inches), and resident's weight was 182 pounds. Resident #3's 9/4/25 Nursing admission Screening/History documented, in part, the resident exhibited an unsteady gait and poor balance for motor control, and had a history of falling/recent fall. The 9/5/25 Care Plan listed Resident #3 had an Activities of Daily Living (ADL) Self-Care Performance Deficit related to limited mobility, limited range of motion, and bilateral leg contractures. The Care Plan directed Resident #3 required the use of a full body mechanical (Hoyer style) lift with two staff assistance for transfer and to move resident between surfaces with the full body mechanical lift. The Care Plan lacked direction to the staff on the size or style of sling to utilize with the full body mechanical lift. A Nurses Note dated 10/22/25 at 11:40 AM written by Staff A, Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) documented the certified nursing assistants (CNA's) were preparing to transfer Resident #3 using a full body lift. The resident slid backwards in the sling and was lowered to the floor with the full body mechanical lift. No injuries were noted. She denied pain or discomfort. Provider notified with no new orders received. An Incident Report dated 10/22/25 at 11:40 AM prepared by Staff A documented a witnessed fall, the CNA's reported that while preparing to transfer the resident using a full body mechanical lift, Resident #3 slid backward in the sling and was lowered to the floor with the full body mechanical lift. The Resident stated, I slid down. The Immediate Action Take Resident #3 was repositioned in the sling on the floor and transferred using the full body mechanical lift to be changed, then was transferred to the wheelchair. The Incident Report lacked documentation of any witnesses or witness statements. An Incident/Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) Note dated 10/23/25 at 6:16 AM, with attendees Staff B, MDS Coordinator, Director of Nursing (DON), Assistant DON and Administrator, documented resident was getting ready for a full body mechanical lift transfer to bed when resident's body began to slid through the middle hole in the sling. The resident was not positioned safely to complete the transfer to the bed and due to the resident's poor position in the sling safe transfer back into the wheelchair was not an option. The resident was lowered to the floor with the assist of the full (continued on next page)		

Any deficiency statement ending with an asterisk (*) denotes a deficiency which the institution may be excused from correcting providing it is determined that other safeguards provide sufficient protection to the patients. (See instructions.) Except for nursing homes, the findings stated above are disclosable 90 days following the date of survey whether or not a plan of correction is provided. For nursing homes, the above findings and plans of correction are disclosable 14 days following the date these documents are made available to the facility. If deficiencies are cited, an approved plan of correction is requisite to continued program participation.

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Staff C and D placed the bottom sling straps through Resident #3 legs, crossed the straps between the inner thighs and hooked the sling up the (brand specific #1) full body mechanical lift. Resident #3 leaned to the right once upon in a sitting position in the sling. Staff C and D transferred Resident #3 to the wheelchair. On 11/18/25, review of Resident #3's ADL Self-Care Performance Deficit Care Plan, under Transfers, directed Resident #3 required a full body mechanical lift with two staff assist for transfers, cross lift sling between legs for transfer, revised 11/17/25. On 11/18/25 at 8:06 AM, the ADON explained the CNA staff received education after Resident #3's incident. When the ADON and DON were queried on which full body mechanical lift was utilized for Resident #3's transfer on 10/22/25, neither could answer what actual full body mechanical lift was used that day, but stated they would check with the staff. When queried on which staff members had been involved in the incident, both stated it had been a while ago and they would have to go back and look to see which staff were involved in the incident. The ADON further explained they identified staff had used the type of sling that could have the lower straps crossed between the legs, but the staff had not crossed the bottom straps of the sling between the resident's legs and she started to slide out of the sling. During an interview on 11/18/25 at 8:13 AM the Administrator voiced staff knew the size of sling to use for residents as there was a guide that hung on the lift that indicated the size of sling for the residents to use. When queried when the guides were placed on the lifts, the Administrator did not state a date, but indicated it was after Resident #3's incident. On 11/18/25 at 8:16 AM, Staff B explained each incident report had an IDT note summary in the resident's progress notes where they reviewed falls. The root of the problem was the full body mechanical lift sling when placed did not have the bottom straps of the sling crossed between the resident's legs, which is why she slid in the sling. Staff B didn't know if they had specifically looked at the actual full body mechanical lift as it wasn't a mechanical issue. That was ruled out right away. Staff B didn't know which full body mechanical lift had been used during Resident #3's incident. On 11/18/25 at 8:28 AM, observation of the full body mechanical lift, identified by the DON as the lift that had been used for Resident #3 on the day of the incident, revealed a laminated sling size guide, undated. On 11/18/25 at 9:50 AM, the ADON voiced she had misspoke earlier. The issue with the full body mechanical lift was not crossing the sling under the resident's legs. It was the wrong size sling. When queried on the size used, she stated she couldn't speak to that, but Staff E, Restorative Aide would be the one to talk to about that. Staff E had put out size charts on the lifts after the incident. Interview completed on 11/18/25 at 9:56 AM Staff E, reported he was not present during Resident #3's incident. Through the investigation they concluded the sling was too large for the resident. He thought the blue trimmed sling had been used for Resident #3. Staff E commented the blue trimmed sling was way too big for Resident #3 and the bigger the sling, the bigger the hole in the sling to fall through. Resident #3 was short and she tended to lean forward and roll into a ball in the sling. He voiced he wasn't present during the incident, and didn't know if the sling was crossed between Resident #3's legs. The sling was a toileting sling that was used on her that day. He explained he did the in-service after the incident, demonstrated how to pick the size of the sling, and how to properly place the sling under a resident. The sizing charts went on the lifts after the incident, but he couldn't give an actual date of when he did it. Staff E explained CNAs could determine the size of sling after they got a weight on a resident. They could tell if the (continued on next page)		

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He thought he placed the information in the book on 11/10/25, but acknowledged none of the education items were dated when posted in the communication book. During an interview on 11/18/25 at 10:11 AM Staff D explained prior to the incident, there were no guides or tools to follow to determine sling size for the full body mechanical lift. She just eye balled if the sling looked right for the resident. On 11/18/25 at 10:12 AM, Staff F, CNA voiced she just looked at the resident to see if the sling looked right. She didn't know if there were any tools or communication prior to the chart being on the lift. On 11/18/25, review of the 5 Minute Meeting Book for Nursing Department Communication on the Front (Hallway A/B) nurses station revealed an undated posting to use two staff for a full body mechanical lift and standing lift to prevent potential staff and resident injuries and to report any incidents regardless of injury to management as soon as possible. An MDS/Care Plan Communication dated 11/17/25 posted by Staff B regarding the full body mechanical lift and standing lift for nursing directed it was required that two staff assisted with all full body mechanical lift and standing lift transfers. No exceptions. The 5 Minute Meeting Book for Nursing Department Communication (B Hallway) lacked any guide to the staff on the use of the (brand specific) full body mechanical lift. Interview on 11/18/25 at 10:40 AM Staff G, Registered Nurse (RN) reported she was not sure how the staff knew what size of sling to use for the lifts. She wasn't aware of any tools or communication for the aides to determine what to use. During an interview on 11/18/25 at 10:44 AM, the Administrator queried on dates of the undated staff education regarding the lift slings, and stated the education was posted in the books right after the incident, but couldn't give an actual date. On 11/18/25 the DON provided a note that listed Staff H and I were the CNA's involved in Resident #3's incident. Interview completed on 11/18/25 at 12:36 PM Staff A reported the CNA's notified her Resident #3 had slid back in the lift sling and they lowered her to the floor. When she entered the room Resident #3 was laying on the floor to the right of the door of the room. She placed a pillow under Resident #3's head. Resident #3 said she slid backward in the sling, but denied hitting her head, having pain or being injured. She completed vital signs and an assessment on the resident. Staff A explained they transferred Resident #3 from the floor to the bed using the same sling the resident had been lowered to the floor with. She thought the sling did have a hole in the middle of the sling, but didn't remember anything else about the sling. On 11/18/25 at 12:55 PM, Staff H, CNA explained she was not in the room when the incident occurred. It was Staff I and an CNA that Staff I was training. Resident #3 was already on the floor when she entered the room. They positioned Resident #3 back on the same sling she had slid in and lifted her from the floor to the bed with the full body mechanical lift. On 11/18/25 at 1:00 PM, Staff I explained they were lifting Resident #3 with the full body mechanical lift. The issue was the sling was just way too big for her. Part of the issue was the resident refused to have the lift sling left under her in the wheelchair and it was very hard to place the sling under her in the wheelchair with her trunk control and muscle spasms that she had. As soon as she was lifted within 2 inches of coming out of the wheelchair, she was sliding in the lift sling. They couldn't get her safely back to the wheelchair with the way she was positioned in the sling, so they lowered her to the floor for safety. She was assisted by an agency CNA but couldn't recall her name. Staff I voiced prior to the incident they just used the lift slings that were available in the closet. They just picked one and it stayed with the resident until it was soiled or they needed another one. Management didn't direct which type of sling should be used for each resident, but they only had a basic sling and a shower sling they used. She didn't think there was (continued on next page)		

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